

concerning justices of the peace," be, and the same is hereby so amended, as to read that hereafter in the county of Bladen five justices of the peace shall have the same power and authority that is now vested either in one-third or a majority of the justices, except in levying taxes and appointing a special court.

Duty of county court.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted.* That the court of pleas and quarter sessions, for the county of Bladen in appointing a special court, shall not select more than one justice of the peace from an election precinct.

SEC. 3. *And, be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after its passage. [*Ratified the 10th day of March, A. D., 1866.*]

Chap. 69.

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY COURTS OF GASTON AND LINCOLN COUNTIES.

Legalizes acts of provisional magistrates.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the acts of provisional magistrates of the county of Gaston at a session of the court held in August, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and the acts of magistrates of Lincoln county, held at a session of the court in January, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be, and the same are hereby legalized.

Sheriffs authorized.

SEC. 2. *And, be it further enacted,* That the sheriffs of said counties be authorized and directed to collect the taxes laid by the magistrates at the courts herein mentioned, and that this act be in force from its ratification. [*Ratified the 6th day of March, A. D., 1866.*]